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IN RE: Applicant:

Petition: Application for Refugee Travel Document Pursuant to 8 C.F.R. 223.2(b)(2)

IN BEHALF OF APPLICANT: Self-represented

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INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision in your case. All documents have been returned to the office which originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

If you believe the law was inappropriately applied or the analysis used in reaching the decision was inconsistent with the information provided or with precedent decisions, you may file a motion to reconsider. Such a motion must state the reasons for reconsideration and be supported by any pertinent precedent decisions. Any motion to reconsider must be filed within 30 days of the decision that the motion seeks to reconsider, as required under 8 C.F.R. 103.5(a)(1)(i).

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FOR THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER,  
EXAMINATIONS

Robert P. Weimann, Acting Director  
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The application was denied by the Director, Nebraska Service Center, and is now before the Associate Commissioner for Examinations on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The applicant seeks to obtain a refugee travel document under 8 C.F.R. 223.2(b)(2). The director denied the application for a refugee travel document for failure to submit the required two color photos of the applicant taken within 30 days of the date the application was filed with the Service. This application was filed with the Service on December 2, 1999.

On appeal, the applicant states that she forgot to attach the two color photographs of herself.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. 103.2 states in pertinent part:

(a) *Filing* (1) *General*. Every application, petition, appeal, motion, request, or other document submitted on the form prescribed by this chapter shall be executed and filed in accordance with the instructions contained on the form, such instructions (including where an application or petition should be filed) being hereby incorporated into the particular section of the regulations in this chapter requiring its submission.

(b) *Evidence and processing*. (1) *General*. An applicant or petitioner must establish eligibility for a requested immigration benefit. An application or petition form must be completed as applicable and filed with any initial evidence required by regulation or by the instructions on the form. Any evidence submitted is considered part of the relating application or petition.

In correspondence dated March 23, 2000, the applicant was instructed to submit two color photos of herself taken within 30 days of the date of the application. The applicant failed to submit the required photos and therefore has not complied with the regulatory requirements regarding the submission of proper documents to support the application. Consequently, the application for refugee travel document may not be approved.

The burden of proof in these proceedings rests solely with the petitioner. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. 1361. The applicant has not met that burden.

**ORDER:** The appeal is dismissed.